GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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EXPANSION OF KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) Weather the Government has any plan to expand the present Kaziranga National Park;

(b) if so the details thereof;

(c) Weather the Government are aware about the encroachments of the land of Kaziranga National Park; and

(d) if so, the action the Government are taking in this direction ?

Answer

THE MNISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (T R BAALU):

(a) and (b) Originally notified area of the Kaziranga National Park was 430 sq. km. Subsequently, for providing safe places for animals during floods and also for providing corridors for movement of animals to Karbi-Angling council forest action was initiated by the state Government to have the following sixadditions to the park.

(i) 1st addition to KNP 43.78 sq.kms.

(ii) 2nd addition to KNP 6.47 sq.kms.

(iii) 3rd addition to KNP .69 sq.kms.

(iv) 4th addition to KNP .89 sq.kms.

(v) 5th addition to KNP 1.15 sq.kms.

(vi) 6th addition to KNP 376.00 sq.kms.
settlement proceedings for 1st ,4th and 6th additions have been completed.

(c) and (d) as informed by the chief wildlife warden Assam there is no unauthorized settlement inside the originally notified area of 430 sq km of Kaziranga National park. There are about 50000 settlers within the first and sixthaddition to the Kaziranga National Park for which final notification has been issued. The estimation number of encroachersin the second addition to Kaziranga National Park is approximately 500. The final notification for this addition has not been issued so far. The encroachers have taken stay orders against there eviction from the Hon`ble Guwahati High Court. The state forest department is taking necessary action for vacation of the said stay orders.